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H. R. 4291

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 2000

Mr. CAMPBELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LIMITATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 141 of
5 title 13, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking “(a)” and inserting “(a)(1)”;

7 (2) by striking the last sentence; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(2)(A) In connection with any such census, the Sec-
3 retary is authorized to request no information apart from
4 that needed to allow for an enumeration of the population,
5 as required by the Constitution of the United States.

6 “(B) For purposes of this subsection, the only ques-
7 tions needed to allow for such an enumeration are those
8 asking for an individual’s name or the number of individ-
9 uals in the household.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (f) of
11 section 141 of title 13, United States Code, is repealed.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this Act shall apply with respect to decennial censuses
14 taken in 2010 and thereafter.

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